

What a summer it was ...

Starting with the Kids Fishing Tournament,

Followed by the Great Beach Ball,

And ending with the 4th of July Regatta, WOW!



Our Most Popular Summer Attraction

The 11th year of the Great Big Silver lake Beach Ball was perhaps the most eventful ever – receiving the most attention and signatures to date! It started out on a sad note, when we could not obtain a ball with all of the shortages existing everywhere.

After much perseverance, we finally obtained one that was not guaranteed to have a hole in it needing repair, the good news is that it was given to us at no cost because of this and it proved to not have any damage.

Resulting in another successful year, and teaching that we must always have faith that we will get the rewards we seek for the right reasons!

Chuck Hathaway, Beachball Committee Chairman



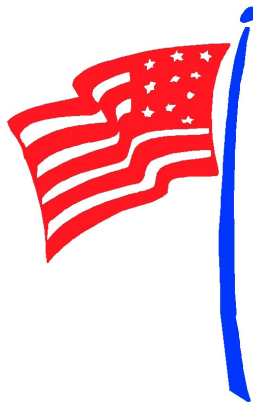
... And We All Regatta-ed ...

Once again we all gathered to celebrate “Independence Day” on Silver lake – whether you traveled the lake on a boat or gathered on the shore to spectate, a good time was had by all!

Chuck Hathaway, the parade master organized them at the boat launch, Blake Vance as lead boat started them off, many decorated boats were judged by 6 judges stationed around the lake, many did not decorate but displayed flags to honor the day with their patriotism, all were winners!

Please enjoy the following pages, picturing all of our community coming together for this great day, thank you all ...

Mike Reed, Regatta Committee Chair Chairman



It was the 2nd Annual Silver Lake fishing Tournament ...

and what a day it was!

A total of 28 kids and their families showed up bright and early at 8 a.m., prepared to fish! ... and fish they did – followed by the weigh in with prizes awarded and a great lunch to enjoy and share their tales of how they caught their treasures!

- Grand Champion, 2 years running was Caden Bogard with a 17" Bass and 9.5" Blue Gill
- Biggest Bass, Hayden Schell with an 18" Largemouth Bass
- Biggest Overall Fish, Julian Tucker with a 26" Northern Pike
- Smallest Fish, Caleb Chinlund with a 1.5" Blue Gill

And do plan ahead and get ready for next year’s annual event!

Tom Thompson, Fisheries Committee Chair



Caden Bogard



Hayden Schell



... and they all fished!

CHAIRMAN’S COVE

This was another special year on Silver Lake with warm weather starting early and lasting well into September. During the year, your SLIA board and volunteers were busy working to improve and preserve Silver Lake. Here are a few highlights from the 2022 season:

- The 2nd annual kids fishing tournament was a big success thanks to Tom Thompson.
- Boat launch sign was replaced, with added safety information, thanks Ed McNamara.
- A Safety Committee was formed, led by Jeff Heydlauff who stepped up safety messaging.
- A Shoreline Stewardship committee led by Melanie Rippentrop was formed to focus on shoreline preservation.
- Our efforts to battle Eurasian Milfoil (EM) continues. Scot Ogden chairs our Environmental committee to ensure the EM levels are stable to declining over the years.
- Our communications, with our lost and found system are top notch, thanks Nancy Knight.

These are just some of the things we are doing to make Silver Lake enjoyable for everyone. We have kept our membership dues at the bargain rate of \$25 for many years and if you have a neighbor that is not in the SLIA, please encourage them to join.

Ken Kaufman, SLIA President

A “SPECIAL SWIMMER” (SQUIRREL) ENJOYING SILVER LAKE ...



... and the Winners Are! ...



1st Place – “Jurassic Park”
Brethauer Family



2nd Place – “Loon Tunes”
Zolinski & Guitar Families



3rd Place – “Christmas In July”
Geskus, Babbs, Hoover, Vanderzwaag Families



Honorable Mention – “Viking Ship”
Gaca Family

Regatta Enthusiasts – On Parade



America MC5432



Balloons



Bumblebee



Happy 4th, SuperSport



USA Patriotic MC892300



USA MC5844TI Patriotic Balloons



MC7914SM Patriotic Balloons



MC0070IN Patriotic Flags Joining In



MC5432TN Patriotic Flags Joining In



MC5542TD Patriotic Flag Joining In



MC 7270SD Patriotic Flags Joining In



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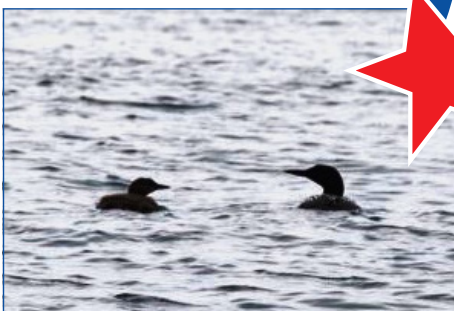
Evinrude Joining In



Four Winns Joining In



Patriotic Byliner Joining In



(Real) Loon Twins Joining the Parade

Shoreline Enthusiasts



It's All About Kids ... and Families!



Thank You To Our Team

Our Regatta Team works very hard to carry out this grand event, this year we were served by Chuck Hathaway as Parade Marshall at the launch to get things going, the Vance Family leading the parade, as well as 6 judges stationed around the lake.

Unfortunately we do not have a picture of Chuck, or of three of the judging families who worked so hard for us – we do recognize the Ford, Green, and Heydlauff families for their efforts – Thank You!



Lead Boat, Blake Vance & Friends



Kaufman Family, Judges



Reed Family, Judges



Grin Family, Judges

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

It has been a great summer to be on the lake this year, now things are coming to a close for the 2022 season.

To finish off the fall we are once again surveying the lake for invasive Eurasian Milfoil, followed by treatment. Schedules and maps of locations to be treated are posted on the website and sent to residents through our gmail, with admonishments to stay out of the water and refrain from watering from the lake in those areas.

In our spring newsletter we featured a picture of and information regarding Purple Loosestrife. These beautiful invasive “flowers” mature in the fall and spread to seed more areas. Great to report that due to g-mails shared in the last month, many people have risen to the occasion and pulled these plants by the roots or bagged the flowers and disposed of them. If you see any in your area, please do this.

Now we will be dealing with falling leaves and yard clean-up. Whether you do this yourself or hire an outside source to clean up your property, please make sure to have them removed from your property and not put into the lake. Leaves in the lake = phosphorus = muck, so please don’t muck it up! Also, remember to choose phosphorus free fertilizer for your fall feeding.

Any questions, please reply to our gmail or visit our website, we will reply. (If you aren’t a member you may be missing out on these important messages from our gmail, fill out the enclosed form and join today to receive these beneficial communiqués.) Have a great winter and we will see you in the spring!

Scot Ogden, Environmental Committee Chair

SAFETY REPORT

We all had a great summer on Silver Lake, many of us spending a lot of time pontoon cruising, jetskiing, pulling skiers, tubers – thankful for this lake to enjoy those experiences!

Just before Labor Day weekend, we sent out a gmail with a few safety reminders for the holiday. For those of you who don’t receive these g-mails, we are sharing these helpful tips for safely operating vessels and PWCs on Silver Lake, we know that many of you are now pulling in your docks and boats, but many are not, and we do have next summer right around the corner ...

- Navigation direction while pulling watersports on the lake is counter-clockwise. (Actually all boats, vessels are required to go counter-clockwise.)
- All boaters need to stay more than 100 feet from docks, rafts, and other boats at all times while riding and especially while pulling watersports.
- All boats pulling skiers, tubers, etc., must have a spotter on the boat.
- It is illegal to operate a PWC during the period beginning at sunset until 8 a.m., “Sunset” means the time determined by the National Weather Service.

The SLIA is committed to educating and providing resources to keep us all safe on the lake. If you see illegal activities, please reach out to the proper authorities, see the list “Who Do You Call” at bottom of this page.

These rules and regulations are per the Michigan DNR Boating Laws and Responsibilities, if you do not have a copy of the handbook explaining all, please contact back through this our website and we will be happy to provide you with a copy, or you can pick up one at the DNR office just south of Chum’s Corners on M37.

Jeff Heydlauff, Safety Committee Chair

REPORT DRAIN/WATER LEVEL REPORT

In 1987 the high water overflow drain was installed on Silver Lake by Grand Traverse County in response to a petition by a majority of Silver Lake property owners to alleviate recurring



seasonal high water levels resulting in flooding, shoreline erosion and destruction of the greenbelt. A court order established a “High Water Only” level at 862 feet above sea level as a maximum. Certain restrictions were placed on the drain discharge, including quality, temperature and discharge flow. The County Drain Commissioner was charged with testing and maintenance.

Contrary to rumors that have circulated through the years, the drain is not a “Dam” to be opened or closed at will, but must be done so according to these criteria. It is an “Overflow” drain, much the same as your bathtub drain with water draining down a pipe into your septic system. In this case the pipe is going under the road (US-31) and

exiting into Cox Pond, Beitner Creek, and ultimately the Boardman River.

The top of the drain is installed at the determined 862' level, with water draining only when it exceeds that level. The drain is opened only by the Drain commissioner with a valve located in the wheelhouse. During low water levels it might not be drained for several years, but is held in reserve for when cyclical high water levels occur requiring levels to be lowered.

The lake level is determined by a gauge situated in the cove south of Roman Drive. **On 8-25-2022 the gauge was at 861.44 feet above sea level or at 6.72 inches below the established 862 foot level.**

Hopefully, with the highs and lows we have experienced this summer - this information will be helpful to those who do not know the history or the criteria for how it operates - for more information, please visit the website, www.silverlakeimprovement.com, sidebar Drain History.

Gary Borucki, Drain Liaison Committee Chair

PLEASE JOIN US!

... WE ARE A “COMMUNITY” AND WE NEED TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER!

Once again we are sharing our fall newsletter with reports of the efforts made on behalf of the Silver Lake community by the SLIA board and membership throughout the summer. The Silver Lake Improvement Association was formed in 1965 in an effort to save and maintain the quality of our environment, and throughout the years the membership, boards, and committees have endeavored to fulfill that obligation. The overflow drain, the invasive species treatments, educating residents on preserving our environment, as well as some great fun events we share.

As you read through these articles today, you see references to our gmail – this is a communication tool that was started by a member several years ago and has become one of the very best assets that we have – we are able to inform of issues – alert to upcoming events and most recently and most beneficial and popular has been our “Lost & Found”, reuniting many residents with their property. If you are not a member, we do not have your contact information so are unable to send to you.

We have included a membership form and strongly encourage you to fill it out, send a check and join us to benefit! It is only \$25 per year, the cost of a dinner out! If you are a member, please contact your neighbors, share the form, encourage them to join us as well.

WHO DO YOU CALL?
Life threatening or dangerous violations 911
Boating violations, Wildlife harassment (MC number required), Launch site violations Central Dispatch 231-922-4550
General Marine questions (Leave Msg) Sheriff's Marine Division 231-922-2112
DNR Traverse City Office 231-922-5280
Lost and Found TC.Silver.Lake.Association@gmail.com
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